



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

HOW TO OBTAIN A

Temporary Use Permit

CITY OF SAN DIEGO DEVELOPMENT SERVICES
1222 FIRST AVENUE, MS 302, SAN DIEGO, CA 92101

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This information bulletin describes the submittal requirements and review process to allow certain uses, for limited time periods, in locations where the uses would not otherwise be allowed in the applicable zone. See Land Development Code 123.0401.

I. When is a Temporary Use Permit (TUP) Required?

A TUP is required for the following uses:

- A. Retail sales related to seasonal activities, such as holidays;
- B. Temporary public assembly and entertainment uses; and
- C. Temporary telecommunication facilities intended to provide service to citywide public events.

II. Application Process

An application for a TUP must be received prior to starting the use. To apply for a TUP, the following items must be submitted:

- ☐ **General Application (DS-3032)** – Complete the General Application.
- ☐ **Letter of Request** – the following information should be in the Letter of Request:
 - Address of the site
 - Existing use of the site
 - Proposed temporary use of the site
 - Where on the site the temporary use will be conducted
 - Type and location of any proposed structures to support the temporary use (e.g., tents, fences)
 - Date(s) and hours of operation for the temporary use
 - For sales of vehicles; the approximate number
 - If the temporary use involves retail sales, explain how the public will access the sale (open to the public, invitation only)
 - Applicant (name, address, phone number, fax number, and e-mail)

Documents referenced in this Information Bulletin

- **Temporary Use Permit**
([SDMC Chapter 12, Article 03, Division 04](#))
- **General Application** ([DS-3032](#))

- ☐ **Outside Agency Forms** – Provide any outside agency forms that need to be signed by the City of San Diego authorizing the temporary use (e.g. Department of Motor Vehicles).
- ☐ **Fees** – A \$340.00 check payable to the “City Treasurer” to cover the following fees:
 - \$88 General Plan Maintenance Fee
 - \$10 Mapping Fee
 - Minimum 2 hours based upon hourly rate of Land Development Review Staff (\$121.00 per hour)

III. How to Apply

A TUP application may be mailed to: Development Services Department, Project Submittal, 1222 First Avenue, M.S. 302, San Diego, CA 92101. Include a check payable to the “City Treasurer” for \$340. A TUP application may also be submitted in person at the above address. Submittal appointments are recommended and can be made by phoning (619) 446-5300.

IV. Approval of a Temporary Use Permit

An application for a TUP may be approved by city staff if it meets the following conditions:

- A. The proposed use, for the limited time period, will not be detrimental to the purpose and intent of the applicable zone; and
- B. The approval of the proposed use would result in no more than two TUP’s for the same use/event at the same location in any 365-day period.

A TUP will be issued in the form of a letter from the Development Services Department within approximately 10 working days.

V. Effective Date/Expiration Date

- A. The effective date will be specified on the permit and shall not be later than 30 calendar days after the date of issuance.
- B. The expiration date shall not be later than 30 calendar days after the effective date for retail sales related to seasonal activities, temporary public assembly and entertainment uses; 90 calendar days for temporary telecommunications facilities.

VI. Other Permits

Issuance of a TUP does not authorize the construction or installation of any fences, temporary seating (bleachers), tents, electrical work or any other improvement. All temporary or permanent improvements associated with the use must secure all other permits (e.g. Building Permit, Electrical Permit, Special Events Permit) prior to the use being commenced.

Special Events Permit - If the temporary use includes a tent, you may also need a Special Events Permit from the [Fire Department](#), located at 1010 Second Avenue, Third Floor, Fire and Hazard Prevention Reception Desk (phone 619-533-4400 for more information).

Electrical Permit - If temporary use requires temporary power an Electrical Permit will be required. This permit may be obtained:

- At the [Development Services Center](#):
1222 First Avenue, 3rd floor
- At our [Field Inspection Offices](#):
9601 Ridgehaven Ct., Suite 220
- Through [E-Permits](#) service.